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NEIDHARDT et al.

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For: NEW GROWTH DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE IGF'B FAMILY

**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 4, 2002

Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy shown to their representative during the Telephonic Interview of June 4, 2002. The following is filed in response to the Communication from the Examiner dated November 27, 2001, (which had not been received by counsel) the time for response having been restarted by the Examiner during the Interview of June 4, 2002.

The computer readable form of the "Sequence Listing" in this application, 09/684,383, is identical with that filed in Application Number 09/218,176, filed December 22, 1998. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the last-filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" is included in the originally-filed specification of the instant application.

If there should be any questions regarding this communication, please do not hesitate to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 100564-00030.

Respectfully submitted,

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